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CARMILLE LIM, COMMISSIONER FOR THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IS ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD

Carmille Lim, a Governor Abercrombie appointee to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), has been elected with overwhelming support to the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Board. The election took place on July 26, 2013 at the NACW annual conference in San Jose, California.

Lim is currently the Executive Director for Common Cause Hawaii. Prior to serving as Executive Director for Common Cause, Lim worked as development and advocacy manager for the YWCA of O'ahu. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Additionally, she was recognized as one of Pacific Business News' Forty under 40.

"The Commission is so proud that Carmille will be the youngest member of the NACW board," said HSCSW Chair Leslie Wilkins (Maui Commissioner). "Carmille brings Hawaii's voice and values to the national discussion on women's issues and rights."

Cathy Betts, Executive Director of the HSCSW, echoed Wilkins sentiments. "This is a perfect opportunity for Carmille to showcase the great work the Commission is doing to ensure gender equity in Hawaii. Carmille has the energy and attitude to do great things for women across the nation." She said, "I am overjoyed that she will be helping to strengthen and diversify the national dialogue on women's rights."

The HSCSW is a non-partisan state commission that consists of seven appointed commissioners from across the state, and works toward equality for women and girls in the state by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

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